

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/949,213 filed October 10, 1997. In a preliminary amendment, claims 2-96 were cancelled and new claims 97-119 were added. By this amendment, claim 1 is cancelled and claim 118 is amended.

The Examiner indicated that claims 97-99, 103, 104, 110, 117, and 119 were subject to restriction. Claim 117 is an independent claim. However, the Examiner did not place independent claim 117 in a claim group nor did the Examiner address the subject matter of independent claim 117 within the "*Election/Restrictions*" section of the Detailed Action.

Nevertheless, in view of a desire to move prosecution of the present application forward, applicant will address independent claim 117 as Claim Group VII. Applicant respectfully elects Claim Group VII without traverse for prosecution. Claim 118 has been amended to be dependent on independent claim 117. Thus, elected Claim Group VII includes claims 117 and amended claim 118.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record. An early notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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